

Dunleer Parish Bulletin

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Parish Picnic on Sunday June 26th after last Mass.
 Mosstown Patrún June 19th at 12noon. Rosary 7p.m.
 Dromin Patrún Oct 9th at 11 a.m.

When Saint Patrick came to Ireland in the early fifth century, the topic of the moment in Christian circles was the Trinity. The teaching of the early church had been hammered out at a council in Nicea in present day Turkey. The creed that we generally say at Mass is the Nicene Creed, taking its name from that council. With some amendments, it became the common statement of belief or Creed.

My primary teacher once told me that if asked exactly what I believed in, I could, in reply, recite the creed she had taught us. It is said that Saint Patrick was trying to explain the Trinity to some of our ancestors and was not being very successful. He then decided to use the ancient equivalent of a flash-card. He plucked a shamrock and posed the question, 'is it one leaf or three?' It is said that the heart-shaped triple leaf then entered the consciousness of the Christian people from whom we received our faith.

The shape of each leaf as a heart is itself important. In Irish it is seamair óg, a young clover. Despite the harp being the official symbol of Ireland, it is the shamrock that is most associated with Ireland. Our native prayers, in Irish, are shot through with references to the Trinity, reflecting the importance of the teaching and the topic of that ancient time.

One of those native, Irish language prayers translates:

Three folds in cloth, yet there is but the one cloth.
 Three joints in a finger, yet there is but the one finger.
 Three leaves in a shamrock, yet there is but the one shamrock.
 Frost, snow and ice - yet the three are only water.
 Three persons in God likewise, and but the one God.
 The famous Prayer attributed to Saint Patrick, the Breastplate (An Lúireach) begins,

'I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity...

Sat June 11 th 7 30 p.m.	Bernard Farrell Michael and Esther Lane
Sun June 12 th 10 30	Harry, Mae and Frances Byrne Anthony (Tony) Connolly Formerly Dromin, died in U.K.
Tues 14 th 10 a.m.	Ciss Connor
Wed 15 th B.Rem	Thos Gallagher
Sat 18 th 10 a.m.	John and Breda Fogarty Patk and Mary Commons
Sat 18 th 7 30 p.m.	Séan and Nuala Faulkner Breda Murtagh
Sunday 19 th 10 30 a.m.	Kathleen and Jem Nevins Alice and Paddy Henry and Henry/Halligan fam.
Sunday 19 th 11 30	James (Jim) Lynch 1 st Av Brian Lynch Larry Roche
Sun 19 th Patrún 12 noon	Patk Crehan Pádraig and Kitty Faulkner Fr J Murphy